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GIVES TEXT OF AMNESTY DECREE

The Berlin Diplomatic Mission of the Bulgarian People's Republic has requested the publication of the Bulgarian government's amnesty decree of 6 November 1950, which follows:

Article I

The following offenses, if committed before this law goes into force, fall under the amnesty according to Article 155a of the penal law:

1. Crossing the Bulgarian frontier without approval of the proper authorities or, if with approval, not at the specified frontier points.
2. Exit from Bulgaria on a group pass of Bulgarian nationals who, without valid reasons, failed to return to Bulgaria with the group.
3. Failure of Bulgarian nationals who left the country with the approval of the proper authorities to return to Bulgaria within a 2-month period from date of summons.
4. Leaving Bulgaria without a pass before 10 April 1948 (Article 56 of the revoked Law on Passes, Frontier Certificates, and Military Police Control of Foreigners).

Persons who have voluntarily returned or will return to Bulgaria within 6 months after the law goes in effect and who have not concealed the fact from Bulgarian authorities, if they have not committed treason or espionage, come under this amnesty.

Article II

The amnesty under which persons in Article I fall applies also to the following crimes: inciting, abetting, and aiding a criminal or affording him refuge, as well as intending or attempting to commit these crimes, in case these offenses were committed prior to those listed in Article I.

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Article III

Military personnel and persons of similar status are not affected by this amnesty.

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